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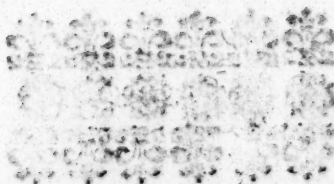
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*Humbly sheweth,*

**T**Hat whereas the Kings most Sacred  
Majesty His Royall Zeal and Constant  
Resolution of maintaining the true Re-  
ligion, and preserving the Lawes and Li-  
berties of these his Kingdoms, is so undoubted, that  
to call it in question after so many reiterated Pro-  
fessions and Asseverations emitted in his Majesties  
Declarations and Answers, with deepe Attestati-  
ons of the dreadfull Searcher of the hearts, as wit-  
nesse of the sincerity of his royall heart, could not  
be conserved in any but an unchristian distrustful-  
nesse: And in us his Majesties Subjects of this his  
ancient and native Kingdome, the height of disloy-



alty and ingratitude, if wee should harbour any  
 scruple or thought to the contrary, having so many  
 reall and recent evidences of his Majesties royall  
 Goodnesse, Justice and Wisdom, in setting and esta-  
 blishing the true Religion, and the Laws and Liber-  
 berties of this his Kingdome, to the full satisfaction  
 all His good Subjects : And neverthelesse, percei-  
 ving by his Majesties Declarations and other Prin-  
 ted papers, that foule and malicious aspersions are  
 cast upon his Majesty, tending to brand His Sacred  
 Person, and to deprave his Royall Government :  
 And understanding by His Majesties late Letter,  
 sent unto your Lordships, that his Majesty, out of  
 His singular goodnes, and desire to enjoy the hearts  
 of his People of this his Native Kingdom free of all  
 Jealousies and Prejudices, hath been pleased to clear  
 His Royall Intentions and Actions from those Ca-  
 lumnious imputations ; & therefore justly challeng-  
 eth from us that humble respect due to His Sacred  
 Majestie, by so many Tyes and Titles, and so much  
 professed and promised by us with solemn oaths in  
 our Nationall Covenant and oath at his Majesties  
 Coronation: We conceive our selves bound in du-  
 ty to God Almighty, by whose great Name we have  
 sworn to defend and maintain the Person, greatnes  
 and Authority of our dread Sovereigne as Gods  
 Vicege-

Vicegerent, to the uttermost of our power, with our means and lives, in every cause which may concern his honour, as may appeare by that which by Warrant of the Act of generall Assembly we have all sworn and signed, and to our King & Countrey; and to that we owe to our honor and reputation, To represent to your Lordships the humble desires we have to expresse and make knowne to his Majesty and all the world, that we are fully satisfied and perswaded of his Majesties royall zeal and resolution, and that malice and detraction cannot prevail to make the least impression in our loyall hearts of jealousie or distrust.

And therefore we have taken the boldnes humbly to Petition your Lordships, for our selves, and in name and behalfe of all other who will adhere to this our Petition, that as his Majesty has graciously condescended in his Letter to your Lordships, and printed by your Warrant, for satisfaction of his good Subjects, to expresse his royall goodnesse and desire that all gronnds of jealousie or mistaking may be kept and removed out of the hearts of his good Subjects of this Kingdom.

So in may please your Lordships to thinke upon some course, that his Majesty reciprocally may be cleered and assured of our constant affection & resolution.

solution to keep our solemn & Nationall Oath, and  
 that we are not so unthankful to God or to his Vice-  
 gerent, nor so little tender of our own honor & cre-  
 dit, as to forget so soon that duty incumbent to us  
 by so many obligations, and so often promised by us  
 in our foresaid solemn Oaths, which are published to  
 the view of all the world; and we are confident that  
 in so doing we cannot be misconstrued, as if we in-  
 tended any thing to the prejudice of that brotherly  
 and blessed conjunction of the two Nations, happi-  
 ly united by allegiance and loyall subjection to one  
 Sovereign and Head, and solemnly confirmed by his  
 Majesties owne consent, by Acts of Parliament of  
 both Kingdemes, or to foment jealousies and  
 mistakings at home amongst our selves, seeing  
 our desire neither of it selfe doth tend, nor by us  
 is intended (as wee attest God the searcher of all  
 hearts) for any other end but for the performance  
 of that humble duty to our Dread and Native King  
 to which we conceive our selves strictly bound by  
 all the tyes of nature, Christianity & gratitude, and  
 therefore we doubt not but all his Majesties good  
 Subjects wil joyn with us in this our humble & just  
 desire; and that your Lorpships in the deepnes of  
 your Wisdomes will contribute hereto: And your  
 Lordships Answer most humbly we crave.

FINIS.



THE LORD ANDEUERS  
SPEECH touching *Pacification.*

MY LORDS,

I Did lately move your Lordships that the breach of the *Pacification* might be speedily reviewed as the *unum necessarium*; and truly my opinion at that time is yet nothing altered, although upon better thoughts ( me thinkes ) it would first be known who did actually engage us in these fruitlesse diffensions, and so derive the mischief from some originall. For *my Lords*, the Kingdome cannot now long stand at gaze or undergoe new burthens.

Wherefore what is to be done ( if you intend it should prosper ) must presently receive life from the whole people, otherwise we shall expire in a dreame; and when the successe differs from expectation, it is not enough to cry, *quod non putaram*. *My Lords*, the Wise-man saies, there is a proper season for all things under the Sun, and we often finde the experiment in naturall bodies, which are voluntarily weakened, to recover strength, yet with a restriction to such bounds, and limits, as the Physitian prescribes himselfe, and truly I thinke it is your Lordships case at this point, either to consider what should further be done then is already, or else how to get out of those labyrinths we now are in, least  
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the words of the *Psalmist* come home to our selves, *Vendisti populum sine pretio.*

*My Lords*, I am confident the house of Commons doth thoroughly see, both into the prejudice, and vast expence that these two Armies lay upon the land, and undoubtedly so many Gentlemen of worth, as sit there, will have tender eyes upon the Common-weale. It will therefore become your Lordships to second them in your way, and whilst they apply to publique wounds, the care of this house may search the intestines, for if they be not clenched, it will be but a superficial Cure, and break out again.

*My Lords*, it seemes the Earle of *Strafford*, and the Archbishop of *Cantabury*, have gone the high wayes of iniquity, and every one knowes how to trace them, but Mines under ground are most considerable, which (unlesse they be likewise found out) may at any time spring and supplant the whole fabrick of all our labours. Let us then examine this fantastick warre *ab initio*; lest, as the Duke of *Burgundy* made a few Sheepskins the cause of his quarrell, so wee shall finde those few Sheers of Paper, sent under the name of a *Liturgy*, and booke of *Canons*, were but the *Mopsis* of the story to divert our eyes from the maine designe.

Therefore my humble motion shall be for a selected Committee of no great number, who may have power from the House to begin *ab origine mali*, revise every mans negotiations, who was either an Actor or Counsellour since the first appearance of those troubles in *Scotland*, and that they may examine the *Scottish* Counsell upon such Articles, as the heavy pressure of this Kingdome shall upon common fame administer unto them.

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